## BALTIMORE CITY--COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR:12 AREA: Madison Square-Oliver Historic District

SURVEY NO.: B-3987 MAGI NO.:0439875608

ADDRESS:1249 North Avenue

CURRENT NAME: Holy Church of Christ

BLOCK:1099-B LOT:77

LOT SIZE: 69' x 80'

HEIGHT:

MATERIALS: Frame

CONDITION: Good

OWNER: Holy Church of Christ, Inc.

ADDRESS:1249 North Avenue

USE: Religious Structure

ACCESSIBLE: Yes, restricted

DESIGNATION:

LIBER/FOLIO: RHB 2400-75

HISTORIC NAME: Second Congregational Church

DATE: 1888

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):

## DESCRIPTION:

The Second Congregational Church, a rectangular frame ecclesiastic building with an open eaves gable roof, is located at the southeast corner of Hope Street, formerly Union Avenue, and North Avenue in the Oliver Planning District of east Baltimore, MD. The main entrance, wood double doors, is located in a square tower situated at the northeast corner of the facade. The tower has a pyramidal roof with modillions and beneath that a pent eave with modillions. Between the pent and the roof, on each side of the tower, are paired wooden blind Gothic arches each with a trefoil. Beneath the pent are louvered wooden with a rectangular architrave. Above the louvers are trefoils. At the center of the facade are 3 rectangular double hung sash windows. The center one is taller than the other two. Above them is a round window, now covered over. In the facade gable is a very small rectangular windows. The west elevation is four bays with 2 over 2 double hung sash windows. On the east is a one story rectangular flat roof addition. The rear, south elevation, has a gable roof chancel with a round window, now covered over. The church was at one time covered with corrugated iron.

## SIGNIFICANCE:

AREA: Architecture

LEVEL:Local

The Second Congregational Church is a contributing structure to the Madison Square-Oliver Historic District. The Church is architecturally significant as a district building type, a church, and is especially noteworthy to the Madison Square area because it is a frame building. The intersection of North Avenue and Hope Street was not developed until after 1887. The 1887 Bromley Atlas shows only a rope walk to the rear of what will be the property of Second Congregational. In 1887 the First Congregational Church authorized the establishment of a Sunday School in a rented house at 1841 Harford Avenue. The North Avenue lot was then donated by a member of the First Congregational Church -- Martin Hawley. The Church's first entry in the Baltimore City Directory is in 1889. In 1896 membership was reported to be 100. In 1909 the Second Congregational Church merged with Canton Congregational and moved to Highland Avenue and Elliott Street in Canton. They sold the North Avenue property to the First Spiritual Church and it has since been owned by a variety of denominations.

SOURCES: Bromley Atlas. 1887.; City Directories.; History of Baltimore Maryland. S.B. Nelson; n.1.. 1898.; V. Files, Pratt.; Sanborn Maps. SURVEYOR AND DATE: Mary K. Mannix, August 1987. revised April 1988.

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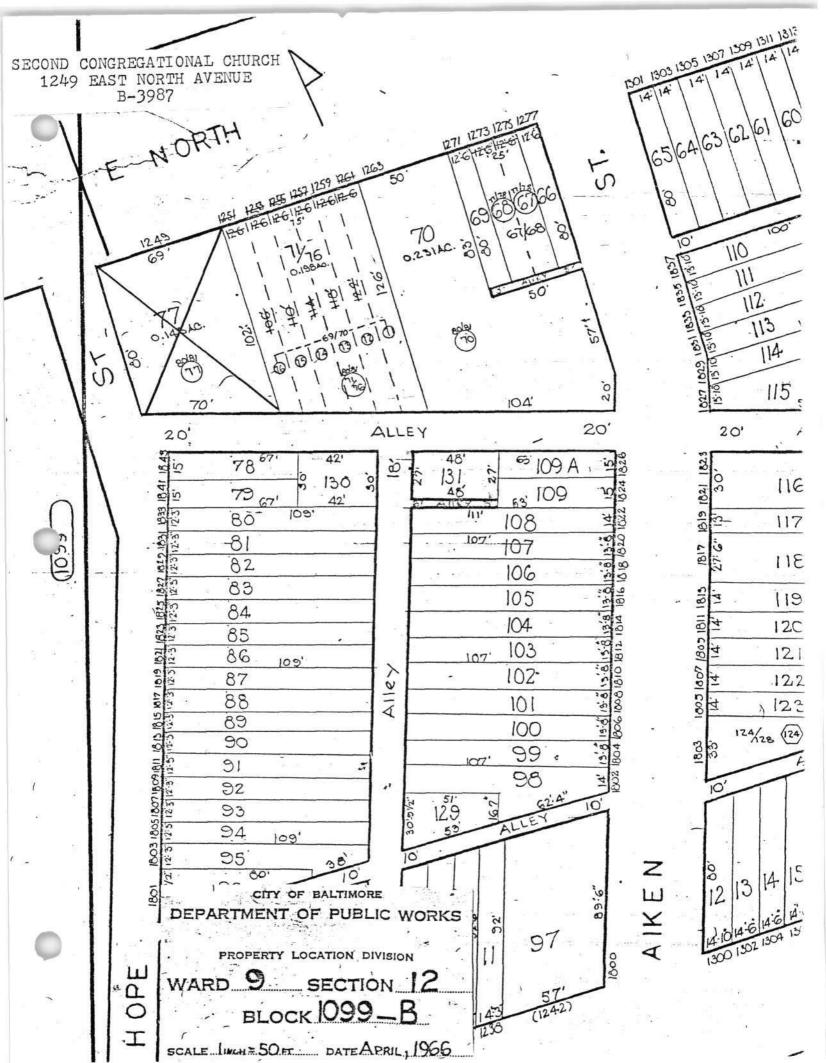
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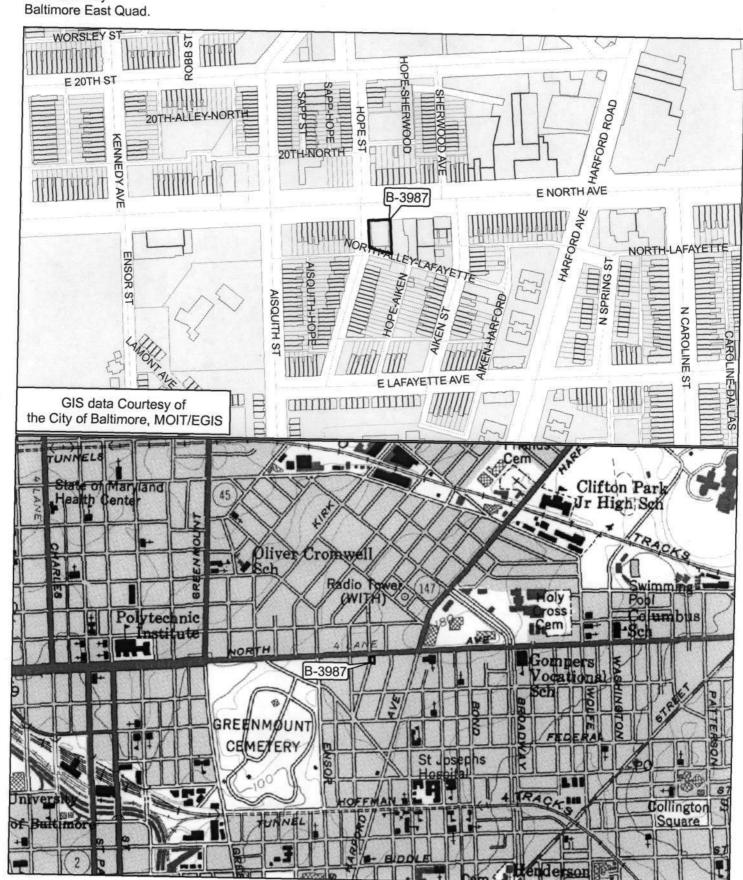
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